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SUBJ: AID REHABILITATION GRANT NO. 1 TRAINING SUB-PROJECT:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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FOR REES, ASIA/SA AND KIMBALL, SER/IT

REF: (A) DACCA 3131 (B) DACCA 0629

1. USCOR HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING DISCONCERTING INFORMATION REGARDING HANDLING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PARTICIPANTS' TRAINING PROGRAM: (OA) PARTICIPANTS WERE NOT MET BY ANYONE AT AIRPORT ALTHOUGH ETA HAD BEEN CABLED IN REF (A) 1? DAYS IN ADVANCE THEIR ARRIVAL, (B) TRAINING PROGRAM AS DESIGNED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE AND CABLED AID/W BY USCOR REF (B) IS APPARENTLY NOT THE TRAINING PROGRAM BEING OFFERED AT PRESENT TIME. INFORMATION CAME TO US FROM TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH GENERAM MANAGER MAQSOOD ALI KHAN, TEAM'S GROUP LEADER, WHO SO CONCERNED THAT HE TELEPHONED USCOR DIRECTLY FROM U.S.

2. UNDERSTAND THAT KHAN HAS ATTEMPTED TO DISCUSS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WITH SER/IT POSSIBILITY REVISING TRAINING TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION. IT WAS REPORTED THAT MR. KHAN WAS TOLD BY SER/IT PERSONNEL THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM COULD NOT BE PROPERLY LINED UP BECAUSE SER/IT DID NOT RECEIVE BIO-

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DATA FORMS FROM USCOR. FYI: BIO-DATA OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

PARTICIPANTS CABLED PER REF (B) AS PER AGREEMENT WITH MOGANNAM DURING HIS TDY DACCA NOVEMBER 1972. END FYI. IN ADDITION, SER/IT PERSONNEL WERE REPORTED TO HAVE SAID SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT IF THEY DO NOT LIKE THEIR TRAINING PROGRAM THEY COULD GO BACK HOME.

3. HAVE DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE PARA 1 AND 2 WITH DAN CREEDON WHO CAN DISCUSS USCOR FEELINGS REGARDING THIS WHEN HE ARRIVES IN AID/W ON AUGUST 6.

4. FULLY APPRECIATE THAT WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED ONE SIDE OF THE STORY. THEREFORE, REQUEST AID/W DISCUSS MATTER WITH MR. MAQSOOD ALI KHAN AND CABLE FULL REPORT USCOR SINCE WE ANTICIPATE INQUIRY FROM MINISTRY OF POSTS, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE, AND PLANNING COMMISSION. SUGGEST HEILMAN BE CONSULTED REGARDING ANY NECESSARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

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